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AVERAGE ANNUAL PAY BY STATE AND INDUSTRY, 1985

The average annual pay of workers covered by state and federal unemployment insurance (UI) programs was $19,186 in 1985, a 4.5 percent increase over 1984, according to preliminary data released by the Bureau of Labor Statistics of the U.S. Department of Labor

Annual pay data are compiled from reports submitted by employers under UI programs for over 96 million full- and part-time workers. Average annual pay is computed by dividing total annual payrolls of employers covered by unemployment insurance programs by average monthly employment for these employees.

The state of Alaska had the highest average annual pay of any state at $28,699. The District of Columbia came next with an average annual pay level at $26,160, followed by Michigan ($21,969), New York ($21,901), and Connecticut ($21,226). South Dakota had the lowest average annual pay level at $13,987, with Mississippi ($14,951) and Maine ($15,428) having the next lowest.

The highest percentage increases in average annual pay were experienced in the Northeast in 1985. Massachusetts led the nation with an average annual pay increase over 1984 of 6.6 percent, followed by New Hampshire at 6.4 percent, and Connecticut and New Jersey with 6.1 percent. Maine's average annual pay increase was 3.9 percent.

Average annual pay varied widely by industry. Nationally, workers in the mining industry, which includes oil and gas extraction, earned the highest pay at $31,326. On the other end of the scale, retail trade workers -- many of whom work part-time -- earned the lowest average annual pay at $10,732.

The finance, insurance, and real estate industry led all private sector industries with an increase of 7.7 percent in average annual pay between 1984 and 1985. The manufacturing industries had the second largest annual increase of 5.7 percent. Construction showed the slowest pay growth at 2.9 percent.

In Maine, workers in transportation, communication, and public utilities earned the highest pay at $20,862, while retail trade workers earned the least at $9,583. The finance, insurance, and real estate industry experienced the highest annual percentage pay hike at 5.8 percent, while the mining industry had a negative change of 5.0 percent.

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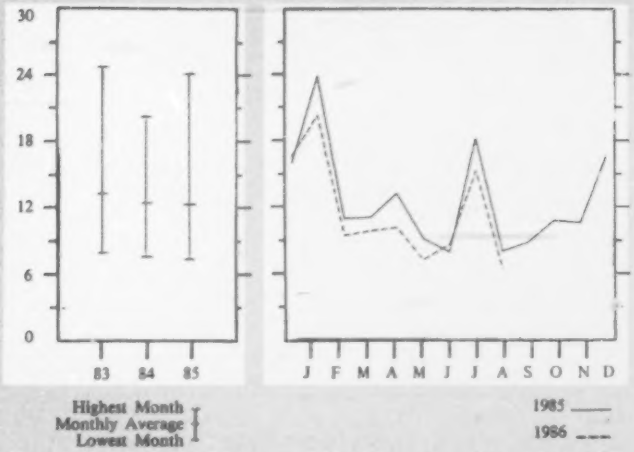
UI Initial Claims
in Thousands



UI Intrastate Weeks Claimed
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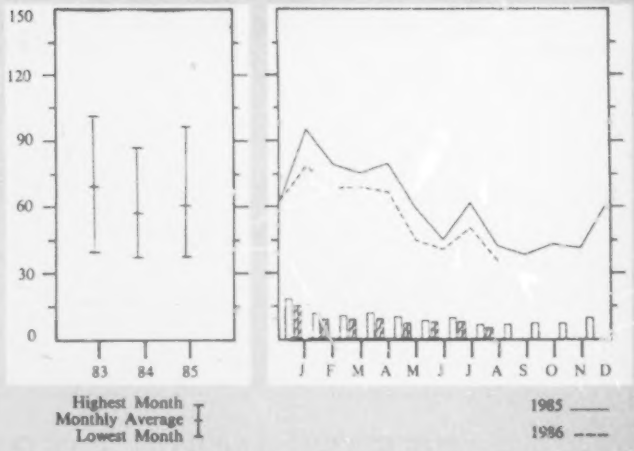

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AVERAGE ANNUAL PAY FOR 1984 AND 1985 AND PERCENT CHANGE FOR ALL WORKERS, UNITED STATES AND MAINE

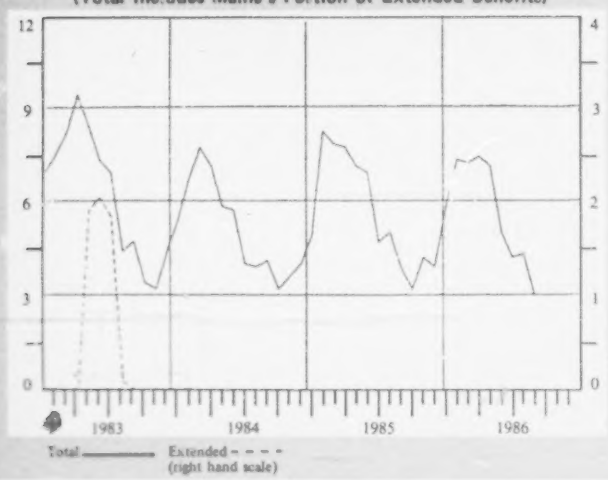
	United States			Maine		
	1984	1985	Change	1984	1985	Change
TOTAL	$18,353	$19,186	+4.5%	$14,850	$15,482	+3.9%
Mining	30,157	31,326	+3.9	17,828	16,931	-5.0
Construction	20,746	21,351	+2.9	16,474	16,940	+2.8
Manufacturing	22,575	23,859	+5.7	18,287	19,135	+4.6
Transportation, Communication, and Public Utilities	24,696	25,664	+3.9	20,307	20,862	+2.7
Wholesale Trade	22,736	23,767	+4.5	18,215	19,068	+4.7
Retail Trade	10,408	10,732	+3.1	9,229	9,583	+3.8
Finance, Insurance, Real Estate	20,720	22,306	+7.7	17,176	18,180	+5.8
Services	16,068	16,840	+4.8	12,507	13,146	+5.1
Government	19,232	20,250	+5.3	15,584	16,386	+5.1

Selected Employment Security Activities

UI Benefit Payments

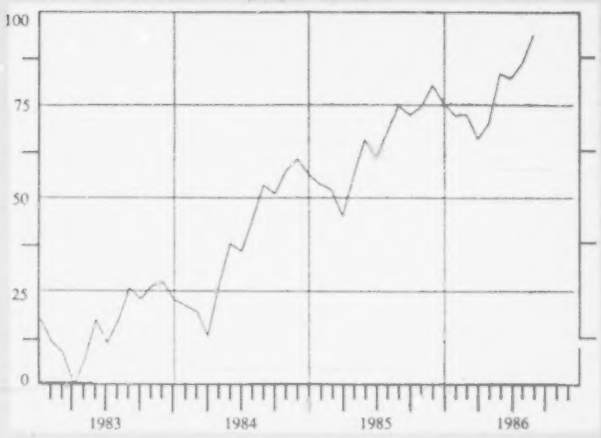
in Million Dollars

(Total Includes Maine's Portion of Extended Benefits)



Unemployment Compensation Fund Balance in Millions

(End of Month)



Nonfarm Wage and Salary Employment by Place of Work

in Thousands

ITEM	STATEWIDE This Month	STATEWIDE Last Month	STATEWIDE Year Ago	PORTLAND MSA This Month	PORTLAND MSA Last Month	PORTLAND MSA Year Ago	LEWISTON-AUBURN MSA This Month	LEWISTON-AUBURN MSA Last Month	LEWISTON-AUBURN MSA Year Ago
Total Nonfarm Wage and Salary Employment 1/	485.6	477.9	476.4	115.5	114.5	110.6	37.7	36.5	37.1
Total Manufacturing	107.4	100.1	106.5	17.0	16.5	16.1	10.6	9.7	10.8
Durable Goods	45.9	44.7	42.1	8.3	8.1	7.6	2.8	2.7	2.8
Lumber and Wood Products 2/	14.1	13.6	15.0	0.6	0.6	0.6	0.2	0.2	0.2
Primary and Fabricated Metals	3.8	3.7	4.0	0.9	0.9	0.9	0.9	0.8	0.9
Machinery, except Electrical	3.8	3.8	4.5	2.1	1.9	2.2	0.3	0.3	0.3
Electrical and Electronic Equipment	10.3	10.0	9.6	3.5	3.6	3.3	0.9	0.9	0.9
Transportation Equipment	9.6	9.4	5.1	(d)	(d)	(d)	*	*	*
Other Durable Goods 3/	4.3	4.2	3.9	1.2	1.1	0.6	0.5	0.5	0.5
Nondurable Goods	61.5	55.4	64.4	8.7	8.4	8.5	7.8	7.0	8.0
Food and Kindred Products	9.9	8.3	9.9	1.9	1.9	1.9	0.9	0.9	0.9
Textile Mill Products	7.1	5.7	7.2	n/a	n/a	n/a	1.3	1.0	1.3
Apparel	4.1	3.5	4.2	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a
Paper and Allied Products	16.9	16.8	18.0	(d)	(d)	(d)	0.6	0.6	0.6
Printing and Publishing	5.2	5.2	5.0	n/a	n/a	n/a	0.6	0.6	0.5
Rubber and Misc. Plastic Products	3.6	3.7	3.9	n/a	n/a	n/a	1.6	1.6	1.9
Leather and Leather Products	13.4	11.0	14.9	1.6	1.4	1.5	2.7	2.2	2.7
Footwear (except Rubber)	11.0	9.0	12.3	n/a	n/a	n/a	2.1	1.7	2.1
Other Leather Products	2.4	2.0	2.6	n/a	n/a	n/a	0.6	0.5	0.6
Other Nondurable Goods 4/	1.3	1.2	1.3	5.2	5.1	5.1	0.1	0.1	0.1
Total Nonmanufacturing	378.2	377.8	369.9	98.5	98.0	94.5	27.1	26.8	26.3
Mining	0.2	0.2	0.2	*	*	*	*	*	*
Contract Construction	30.2	30.3	26.2	6.9	6.9	6.5	2.0	1.9	2.0
Transportation and Public Utilities	19.9	19.6	20.0	6.1	5.9	5.8	1.4	1.4	1.3
Wholesale Trade	23.6	23.4	23.0	8.9	8.8	8.7	2.0	2.0	1.9
Retail Trade	96.4	95.2	94.9	25.2	25.1	24.4	7.0	6.9	6.8
Finance, Insurance and Real Estate	23.4	23.3	21.4	10.8	10.8	9.7	2.1	2.0	1.9
Services	106.8	106.7	105.1	27.6	27.3	26.8	9.1	9.1	9.0
Government	77.7	78.1	79.1	13.0	13.2	12.6	3.5	3.5	3.4
Federal	18.3	18.6	18.6	1.8	1.8	1.7	0.3	0.3	0.3
State and Local 5/	59.4	59.5	60.5	11.2	11.4	10.9	3.2	3.2	3.1
Involved in Labor-Management Disputes	1.3	1.2	4.6	0.0	0.0	0.5	0.0	0.0	0.0

1/Employment figures relate to full - and part-time wage and salary workers in pay periods including the 12th of the month. Domestic workers in private households, proprietors, self-employed, and unpaid family workers are excluded. 2/Lumber and wood products, and furniture and fixtures are combined in the Portland series. 3/Includes Standard Industrial Classification (SIC) codes: Statewide - 25, 32, 38, 39; Portland - 32, 38, 39; Lewiston - 25, 32, 39. 4/Includes SIC codes: Statewide - 28, 29; Portland - 22, 23, 26, 27, 28, 29, 30; Lewiston - 23, 28, 29. 5/Regular teachers are included in summer months whether or not specifically paid in those months. n/a - data not available in sufficient detail for publication. *Less than 50. (d) Nondisclosure item.

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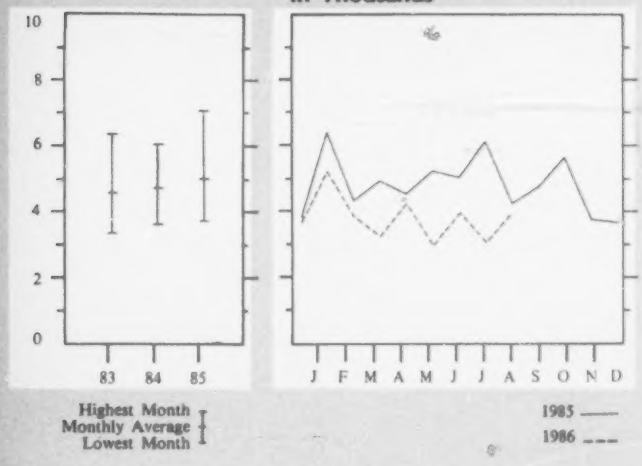
New Applications For Work

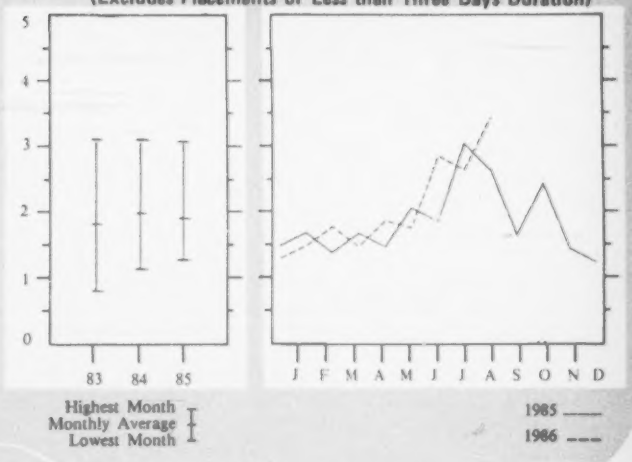
in Thousands



Nonfarm Placements

in Thousands

(Excludes Placements of Less than Three Days Duration)



Earnings and Workweek of Production Workers in Manufacturing Industries

AREA AND INDUSTRY	AVERAGE WEEKLY EARNINGS			AVERAGE WEEKLY HOURS			AVERAGE HOURLY EARNINGS			ANNUAL AVERAGE HOURLY EARNINGS		
	This Month	Last Month	Year Ago	This Month	Last Month	Year Ago	This Month	Last Month	Year Ago	1985	1984	1983
STATEWIDE												
Manufacturing	$351.78	$352.69	$328.45	41.0	40.4	40.3	$8.58	$8.73	$8.15	$8.40	$8.05	$7.61
Durable Goods	348.91	335.02	330.08	41.0	39.6	40.6	8.51	8.46	8.13	8.46	8.22	8.04
Lumber and Wood Products	314.72	315.59	343.99	40.4	40.1	41.0	7.79	7.87	8.39	8.06	7.57	7.37
Primary and Fabricated Metals	362.50	318.76	331.28	41.1	36.1	40.4	8.82	8.83	8.20	8.25	7.89	7.75
Machinery, except Electrical	383.72	375.58	364.83	39.6	38.8	40.9	9.69	9.68	8.92	9.11	8.36	8.08
Electrical and Electronic Equipment	328.35	301.50	288.00	39.8	37.5	38.4	8.25	8.04	7.50	7.57	7.56	7.27
Other Durable Goods	390.44	376.26	335.33	43.0	41.9	42.5	9.08	8.98	7.89	9.50	9.51	9.31
Nondurable Goods	353.42	367.43	326.00	41.0	41.1	40.0	8.62	8.94	8.15	8.31	7.95	7.37
Food and Kindred Products	262.94	260.54	249.80	39.6	36.8	39.4	6.64	7.08	6.34	6.53	6.46	6.10
Textile Mill Products	312.14	304.10	275.93	42.7	41.6	41.0	7.31	7.31	6.73	6.64	6.13	5.87
Apparel	215.80	222.96	204.05	37.4	40.1	35.0	5.77	5.56	5.83	5.83	5.55	5.39
Paper and Allied Products	586.24	593.10	545.23	45.8	46.3	44.4	12.80	12.81	12.28	12.25	11.62	10.95
Leather and Leather Products	220.10	222.64	215.76	36.5	37.8	37.2	6.03	5.89	5.80	5.93	5.80	5.59
Other Nondurable Goods	328.78	313.63	284.06	41.2	39.5	38.7	7.98	7.94	7.34	7.51	7.11	6.60
PORTLAND MSA												
Manufacturing	355.68	340.36	338.82	39.0	38.2	38.9	9.12	8.91	8.71	8.90	8.08	7.67
LEWISTON-AUBURN MSA												
Manufacturing	n/a	n/a	258.41	n/a	n/a	38.8	n/a	n/a	6.66	6.78	6.58	6.16

n/a Series discontinued

Female Labor Force in Maine

in Thousands

ITEM	This Month 1/	Last Month 1/	Year Ago 2/
Labor Force	253.1	254.6	248.4
Unemployed	13.9	18.8	14.3
(Percent)	5.5%	7.4%	5.8%
Resident Employed	239.2	235.8	234.1

U.S. Consumer Price Index

BASE PERIOD	This Month	Last Month	Year Ago	Last Dec.
(1967=100) All Items (CPI-U)	328.6	328.0	323.5	327.4

Percent Change for Past Month	+0.2%
Percent Change from Last December	+0.4%
Percent Change from 12 Months Ago	+1.6%

1/ Preliminary estimates 2/ Revised

Labor Force, Employment and Unemployment

in Thousands

AREA 1/	LABOR FORCE 2/			RESIDENT EMPLOYED			UNEMPLOYMENT Number			UNEMPLOYMENT Percent of Labor Force		
	This Month	Last Month	Year Ago	This Month	Last Month	Year Ago	This Month	Last Month	Year Ago	This Month	Last Month	Year Ago
MAINE-Statewide	583.6	585.3	570.0	559.1	552.5	544.7	24.5	32.8	25.3	4.2	5.6	4.4
MAJOR LABOR MARKETS												
Bangor MSA	39,900	40,400	40,000	38,100	38,400	38,400	1,800	2,000	1,600	4.5	5.0	4.0
Lewiston-Auburn MSA	39,800	40,600	39,500	37,500	37,000	37,100	2,300	3,600	2,400	5.8	8.9	6.1
Portland MSA	116,800	117,800	113,100	114,000	114,200	110,100	2,800	3,600	3,000	2.4	3.1	2.7
Portsmouth-Dover-Rochester MSA 3/	n/a	133,330	125,310	n/a	128,060	121,150	n/a	5,250	4,160	n/a	3.9	3.3
OTHER LABOR MARKETS												
Augusta	31,380	31,920	31,320	30,040	30,170	30,030	1,340	1,750	1,290	4.3	5.5	4.1
Bath-Brunswick	26,070	26,300	24,910	25,340	25,330	23,880	730	970	1,030	2.8	3.7	4.1
Belfast	11,280	11,410	11,170	10,410	10,480	10,200	870	930	970	7.7	8.2	8.7
Biddeford	27,100	27,560	26,470	26,150	25,880	25,460	950	1,680	1,010	3.5	6.1	3.8
Boothbay Harbor-Wiscasset	14,960	15,020	16,120	14,570	14,560	15,680	390	460	440	2.6	3.1	2.7
Calais-Eastport	17,040	14,140	16,080	16,000	12,840	15,220	1,040	1,300	860	6.1	9.2	5.3
Caribou-Presque Isle	22,030	22,720	21,180	20,360	20,710	19,660	1,670	2,010	1,520	7.6	8.8	7.2
Central Penobscot	2,760	2,820	2,680	2,590	2,620	2,510	170	200	170	6.2	7.1	6.3
Dover-Foxcroft	6,470	6,530	6,190	6,020	6,070	5,860	450	460	330	7.0	7.0	5.3
Ellsworth	27,050	26,050	26,120	26,150	24,950	25,280	900	1,100	840	3.3	4.2	3.2
Farmington	11,300	12,050	11,490	10,540	11,030	10,560	760	1,020	930	6.7	8.5	8.1
Fort Kent-Allagash	5,440	5,620	5,130	5,070	5,180	4,760	370	440	370	6.8	7.8	7.2
Greenville	1,360	1,360	1,220	1,290	1,270	1,150	70	90	70	5.1	6.6	5.7
Houlton	6,210	6,310	6,170	5,810	5,850	5,770	400	460	400	6.4	7.3	6.5
Kittery-York 3/	30,190	30,020	28,480	29,860	29,590	28,190	330	430	290	1.1	1.4	1.0
Lincoln-Howland	5,600	5,610	5,330	5,280	5,220	5,050	320	390	280	5.7	7.0	5.3
Livermore Falls	4,560	4,780	4,770	4,300	4,430	4,440	260	350	330	5.7	7.3	6.9
Madawaska-Van Buren	3,860	3,970	3,890	3,580	3,660	3,640	280	310	250	7.3	7.8	6.4
Millinocket-East Millinocket	4,380	4,530	4,470	4,110	4,200	4,310	270	330	160	6.2	7.3	3.6
Norway-Paris	12,090	12,470	11,630	11,480	11,650	11,010	610	820	620	5.0	6.6	5.3
Patten-Island Falls	2,980	3,010	2,640	2,810	2,840	2,510	170	170	130	5.7	5.6	4.9
Rockland	18,110	17,790	18,620	17,490	16,980	17,830	620	810	790	3.4	4.6	4.2
Rumford	8,240	8,640	8,270	7,690	7,620	7,680	550	1,020	590	6.7	11.8	7.1
Sanford	15,620	15,740	15,560	14,910	14,790	14,580	710	950	980	4.5	6.0	6.3
Sebago Lakes Region	15,030	14,900	13,240	14,620	14,380	12,860	410	520	380	2.7	3.5	2.9
Skowhegan	23,340	22,860	21,980	21,990	20,530	20,430	1,350	2,330	1,550	5.8	10.2	7.1
Southwest Penobscot	10,100	9,910	10,010	9,410	8,870	9,310	690	1,040	700	6.8	10.5	7.0
Waterville	22,660	22,410	22,270	21,660	21,190	21,220	1,000	1,220	1,050	4.4	5.4	4.7
OTHER NEW ENGLAND STATES												
Connecticut	n/a	1,781.0	1,721.4	n/a	1,708.1	1,638.4	n/a	72.9	83.0	n/a	4.1	4.8
Massachusetts	3,161.5	3,143.0	3,107.9	3,044.6	3,023.0	2,993.5	116.9	120.0	114.4	3.7	3.8	3.7
New Hampshire	564.8	576.0	547.1	548.3	554.5	527.3	16.5	21.5	19.8	2.9	3.7	3.6
Rhode Island	508.4	504.3	500.6	491.4	483.9	477.9	17.0	20.4	22.7	3.3	4.0	4.5
Vermont	287.4	285.1	275.4	277.3	273.9	264.4	10.1	11.2	11.0	3.5	3.9	4.0
NEW ENGLAND STATES	n/a	6,874.7	6,722.4	n/a	6,595.9	6,446.2	n/a	278.8	276.2	n/a	4.1	4.1
UNITED STATES 4/	119,471	120,303	116,679	111,515	111,832	108,628	7,955	8,471	8,051	6.7	7.0	6.9

MSA - Metropolitan Statistical Area

Note

n/a indicates that the information was not available at the time of printing.
Employment and unemployment may not add to labor force due to rounding.

Footnotes

1/ Labor force, employment, and unemployment data for all areas not seasonally adjusted. Estimates made independently for each labor market area have been benchmarked to and extrapolated from the Current Population Survey estimates for the state. All data adjusted to place of residence basis. Excludes members of the Armed Forces.

2/ Current and last month figures preliminary; year ago figures revised.

3/ Kittery-York is the eight-town Maine portion of the Portsmouth-Dover-Rochester MSA which includes towns in both Maine and New Hampshire.

4/ National estimates based on a sample of household visits; state estimates based on enlargements of employment figures reported.

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Mid-Month Insured Unemployment (Less Partials)

ITEM	STATEWIDE			PORTLAND MSA			LEWISTON-AUBURN MSA		
	This Month	Last Month	Year Ago	This Month	Last Month	Year Ago	This Month	Last Month	Year Ago
Number of Continued-Week Claimants	6,950	11,801	7,901	714	908	880	796	1,854	861
Insured Unemployment Rate *	1.5	2.6	1.7	0.7	0.9	0.9	2.3	5.3	2.5

* Should not be confused with insured unemployment rates as defined in the Employment Security Law.

Selected Characteristics Of Unemployment Insurance Claimants

REGULAR PROGRAM

PERCENT DISTRIBUTION BY OCCUPATION

CATEGORY	This Month	Last Month	Year Ago
Professional, Technical, and Managerial	11.2	*	8.0
Clerical and Sales	19.2	*	17.8
Service	11.7	*	8.6
Agricultural, Fishery, Forestry, and Related	1.1	*	1.7
Processing	6.1	*	4.6
Machine Trades	13.2	*	16.1
Benchwork	13.2	*	21.3
Structural Work	10.4	*	9.8
Miscellaneous	13.9	*	12.1

PERCENT DISTRIBUTION BY AGE

CATEGORY	This Month	Last Month	Year Ago
Total under 40	56.0	53.3	57.3
Under 22	5.0	5.3	6.2
22-24	8.6	8.4	9.7
25-34	29.7	27.7	29.9
35-39	12.7	11.9	11.5
Total 40 and Over	44.0	46.7	42.7
40-44	10.4	9.5	9.0
45-54	14.8	14.0	13.7
55-64	11.3	10.4	11.0
65 and Over	7.5	12.8	9.0

* Information not available.

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